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**HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
KARLA JO KROEKER**

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Karla Jo Kroeker, cherished wife, sister, mother, grandmother, patriot, and friend.

Karla was born May 13, 1945, and adopted by her loving parents, Kenneth and Dorothy Willich, when she was just thirteen days old. Her father was a rancher, and mother, a school teacher. Karla and her brother, David, enjoyed ranch life, riding horses, working cattle, and growing various crops.

Karla graduated from Stoneham High School in 1963. She attended Northeastern Jr. College in Sterling, Colorado, where she met and married the love of her life, Phillip [LTC (Ret)], on June 4, 1967.

After graduating from college, Karla worked as an elementary school teacher, and Phillip was stationed at Fort Carson Army Base in Colorado Springs before being drafted to serve in Vietnam.

Phillip returned safely from the war, and they had two beloved children, a son Kendall in 1972, and daughter Krystal in 1975.

After their children were born, they bought their family home in Monument, Colorado. Karla left her career in education and began running a health and wellness company from home, which gave her the freedom to dedicate her time and energy to her family. She was a "hands-on" classroom mom to her children—going to every field trip, band concert, and sporting event. Karla never missed an opportunity to shower her family with grace and love.

Seventeen years ago, Karla discovered and met her biological twin sisters, Madelyn and Marilyn, and instantly formed a sisterly bond that grew and lasted until her passing.

Karla was a person of great Christian faith; her love for the Lord was boundless and unmistakable. She led a local high school Bible study group for over 28 years and was a member of Cathedral Rock Church in Monument, Colorado.

A founding member of Sunrise Republican Women, Karla served in various leadership roles, contributing her wit, humor, and occasional sass to their skits and events. Karla loved to decorate floats for the Monument 4th of July parade and was always wearing a smile on her face and flag in her hand. She was a dedicated and faithful patriot.

Karla loved to read, work in her yard, and, most of all, spend time with her four grandsons. She found joy in every aspect of life. Her zeal was contagious.

Karla is survived by her husband (of 53 years) Phillip, son Kendall (Christy), daughter Krystal (Bill), brother David, sisters Madelyn and Marilyn, and grandsons Joshua, Daniel, Liam, and Evan. Karla will be greatly missed.

She of all people would want everyone to know that she has met her Savior face to face, and is in a far better place.

**HONORING SGT DAVID SCUDDER
FOR BRAVERY IN ACTION**

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of Sgt. David Scudder of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Sgt. Scudder was severely wounded while serving with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan. His fellow Paratroopers quickly came to his aid.

During a September 12, 2019 mission to retake a district center held by the Taliban in Farah Province, Sgt. Scudder took a bullet to the leg. Members of his unit, Specialist Joseph Sturgill and Specialist Dominic Green, took quick action. Placing Scudder on a stretcher, they carried him two miles to safety while taking enemy fire from a second ambush.

It is stories like this one which remind us of the price our service members pay for the defense of liberty. It is my hope that all of Hot Springs, the State of Arkansas, and this nation will join me in honoring the valor of individuals like Sgt. Scudder.

I take this time to honor the heroism of Sgt. David Scudder and his team and to thank them for their commitment to higher service. It is from them that we should all learn the ultimate example of bravery, of sacrifice, and what it means to be a patriot.

**REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF RAY
L. TOWNSEND**

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ray L. Townsend, of Warren, Ohio, who passed away peacefully on August 3, 2020 at the age of 83.

Ray was born February 20, 1937 in Varnell, Georgia to the late Claude and Mary (Sweeney) Townsend.

Ray married his late wife Linda on December 7, 1956. They loved to dance and travel. Their pride was the family they built together. Their love and devotion for each other was an inspiration for other couples to aspire to. Their welcoming home was open to all because "it takes a family to build a community."

Ray worked non-stop and was a wonderful provider. Even up to his last month, he was working on cars, doing construction and passing on his knowledge to his grandkids.

He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Army.

Ray retired from WCI Steel in 2000, where he worked for transportation for over 42 years. As a committed union representative, he fought for fairness. He solicited tirelessly for "the working man."

Besides his parents, Ray is preceded in death by his wife, the former Linda E. Burd and his sisters, Lois Carmen and Frances Weaver.

Ray is survived by his children, Sandra Ham, Eugene (Pam) Townsend, Robert (Laura) Townsend, Joseph (Jill) Townsend, Richard (Suzanne) Townsend and Phillip

(Audria) Townsend; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Townsend was a strong advocate for the working people of the Mahoning Valley, and I thank him for his service to our country. Ray was also a great friend to my office in Warren—dropping by to chat and delivering sweets during the holidays. My greatest sympathies, and those of my entire staff, go out to Ray's family and to everyone whose lives he touched.

**HONORING OCEANSIDE POLICE
CHIEF FRANK MCCOY ON HIS RE-
TIREMENT**

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oceanside Police Chief Frank McCoy on his retirement after 36 years in law enforcement.

Chief McCoy has served as Chief of Police for the City of Oceanside since January 2006, making him the longest serving Police Chief in the history of the department. Under his leadership, Oceanside has seen a 28 percent reduction in violent crime and a 33 percent reduction in overall crime. Chief McCoy established a culture of community policing and banned the use of the Carotid Restraint, commonly referred to as a chokehold, after the murder of George Floyd.

Before serving in Oceanside, Chief McCoy started his career with the City of Manhattan Beach. He then spent 20 years working for the City of Long Beach, where he worked his way through the ranks to become a Commander.

I am grateful for Chief McCoy's contributions to our community and wish him the best in his retirement.

**HONORING THE JOHNSTOWN HIS-
TORICAL SOCIETY FOR THEIR
ROLE IN PRESERVING THE
NORTH COUNTRY'S HISTORY**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Johnstown Historical Society for the significant part the group has played in preserving the rich history of the North Country for future generations.

As the birthplace of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who forever changed America through her advocacy for women's rights, Johnstown claims a pivotal role in the Women's Suffrage Movement. This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. While Stanton did not live to see the right to vote won by women, her legacy paved the way for women to be elected to Congress and other prominent offices across the country in the last 100 years.

The Johnstown Historical Society imparts knowledge of not only Stanton's life through the museum's display of documents, portraits, and artifacts, like her piano, but many other historical events as well. Johnstown, New